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BURG SCHLAINING DECLARATION

The Timorese, meeting in the *All-Inclusive Intra-Timorese dialogue* on June 3-5 1995 in Schlaining, Austria, in the framework of the initiatives of the United Nations Secretary General:

Expressing their gratitude and greetings to the Secretary General and his staff for this initiative;

Taking note with appreciation and thanking the generous hospitality of the Austrian Government in welcoming the participants;

Expressing their gratitude for the voluntary contribution by several countries towards the holding of this meeting;

Recognising the invaluable contribution of the Catholic Church in East Timor in the past and at present in East Timor;

Bearing in mind the contribution of His Excellency Rev.Dom Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo in the course of this *Intra-Timorese dialogue*;

Noting that inspite of the frank and open spirit in which this *Intra-Timorese dialogue* was conducted, the fundamental different political options are unchanged;

DECIDE TO:

1. *Salute* the presence of H. E. Rev.Dom Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Dili, for his invaluable contribution in the course of the debate, such as proposals for concrete measures that were agreed upon with a view to improving the physical and spiritual conditions of the lives of the people East Timor.

2. *Propose* to the UN Secretary General the holding of another *Intra-Timorese dialogue* in the same framework in which this one was undertaken with a view to continuing the debate on the issues annexed, preceding each round of negotiations between the diplomatic heads of Portugal and Indonesia;

3. *Reafirm* the need to implement the necessary measures in the field of human rights and in the various areas with a view to promoting peace, stability, justice and social harmony;

4. *Reafirm* the necessity for the social and cultural development of East Timor on the basis of the preservation of the cultural identity of the people, including tradition, religion, history and language as well as the teaching of Tetun and Portuguese;

5. *Expresses* the need to create the basis for the involvement of all East Timorese without discrimination of any sort in the development of East Timor in every sphere of human life in a climate of mutual understanding, tolerance and harmony;

6. *Affirm* the importance of the ongoing negotiations between the governments of Portugal and Indonesia under the auspices of the Secretary General of the United Nations with a view to finding a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution to the question of East Timor according to the provisions, letter and spirit of the UN General Assembly resolution 37/30;

7. *Register* with appreciation the consultations undertaken by the United Nations with the various shades of Timorese opinion, aiming at their gradual involvement, as well as the availability of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Portugal and Indonesia for direct dialogue with Timorese personalities;

8. *Request* the good offices of the UN Secretary General and of the governments of Portugal and Indonesia to facilitate the free movement of the Timorese families to and from East Timor.

Burg Schlaining, 5 June 1995